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The Wyoming Immunization Program Newsletter

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From the Manager's Desk by Katelyn Wells-Fahling

WyVIP 2007

We welcome all new providers and re-enrolled providers to this new exciting year for WyVIP. We will have many great things to come in the near future!. Please make sure to read all Jab and Gab issues for further information. Please also remember that all Jab and Gab can be found on our website at www.immunizewyoming.com. Additional Program details and resources can be found in your Toolkit that was mailed out in January. Please contact Andrea at 777-8981 if your facility did not receive one.

Mandatory Eligibility Reporting in February

To stay compliant with CDC's grant guidelines, all providers must do one month of eligibility screening and reporting for bench marking purposes. Therefore, please utilize the enclosed form and the article on pg. 4 for further information. You should submit the form by February 27th so that we can submit the required information as per grant guidelines. *Providers not submitting this report by the Second business day of March will have their vaccine ordering privileges suspended.*

Changes in the 2007 Immunization Schedule

With every year, changes arrive in the Immunization Schedule. This year is no exception. Please see pg. 9 for these changes in the ACIP recommended vaccine schedule, as well as the insert included in the newsletter with the new recommendations. In addition, as a reminder Wyoming vaccine Advisory board had approved the 2nd dose varicella (MMRV is only for first does), expanded MCV4 for 11-12, 15, and 17-18 year olds, and HPV for 11-12 year-old females.

COLD CHAIN/Varicella/ProQuad

Varivax states "For information regarding stability under conditions other than those recommended, call 1-800-9-VARIVAX. And ProQuad states "For information regarding stability under conditions other than those recommended, call 1-800-MERCK-90. You call to explain your situation and they are able to tell you the shortened expiration date with algorithm. None of this vaccine (unconstituted) should be wasted if out for a short time. Also, if thawed it can be used for up to 72 hours.



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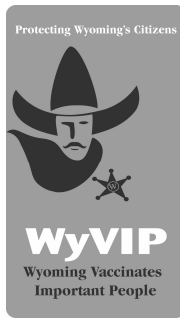
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School House Rocks! February & March Trainings

by Andrea Clement-Johnson

NVAC Meeting

Dates: February 6-7, 2007

Location: Hubert Humphrey Building, Washington, D.C.

Website: www.dhhs.gov/nvpo/nvac/index.html

Contact information: Call 202-690-5566

Abnormal Pap Smears

2/14/07-Title X Family Planning

For more info. Call the Alabama Department of Health at (334) 206-5618 or visit

<http://www.adph.org/alphthn>

February WIP Monthly Teleconference w/Dr. Sherard

Wednesday, February 21 12:15-1:30 p.m. Call-in 877-278-8686,

Participant ID 658125

41st National Immunization Conference

Dates: March 5-8, 2007

Location: Kansas City Marriott Downtown, Kansas City, MO

Website: <http://www.cdc.gov/nip/nic/>



3/10/07-STD/HIV Awareness Day

Help for the Helpers: Public Health Responders in Crisis

3/22/07-For more info. Call the Alabama Department of Health at (334) 206-5618 or visit

<http://www.adph.org/alphthn>

March WIP Monthly Teleconference w/Dr. Sherard

Wednesday, March 21, 12:15-1:30 p.m. Call-in 877-278-8686,

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TOOLKITS for 2007 -by Andrea Clement-Johnson



Your toolkits should have arrived in January. We hope that you find them to be filled with everything you want, as well as include some fun additions! If you are ever in need of more materials, please call access the website at www.immunizewyoming.com to print them or call the office directly so that we may assist you. To those of you who did not receive the Injection Techniques Video, we have received them and we have sent them to your offices. We apologize for the original delay. As we receive new materials to go into the toolkit, we will send them to you and we ask that you discard the old ones that they are replacing. This is the case with the childhood schedule that is inserted in this newsletter. In addition, if you have suggestions for materials you would like to see added to the toolkits next year, please do not hesitate to forward them to my attention. Finally, If for some reason you have not received your toolkit or any materials, please call Andrea at 307-777-8981 ASAP. Enjoy and thanks for being part of the program!

February 2007

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February Schedule of Events

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- Inventory Form
- Temperature Logs
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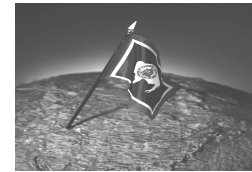
☺ **February 19-NO ORDERS**

☺ **February 21: WIP Monthly**

Teleconference: 12:15-1:30

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☺ **WIP Monthly Teleconference:**
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Christina's World- by Christina Gargano

Flumist

"MedImmune, Inc. (Nasdaq: MEDI) announced today that

the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved the company's new refrigerated formulation of FluMist® (Influenza Virus Vaccine Live, Intranasal) for use in helping to prevent influenza in healthy children and adults from 5 years to 49 years of age" (<http://www.medimmune.com>). This is great news for WyVIP and something to take into consideration when ordering our vaccine this upcoming year. Medimmune is setting goals to expanded into the pediatric label and has done conducted studies on children as young as 6 weeks old. Wyoming looks forward to the new and upcoming breakthroughs that Medimmune is striving for in Influenza research.

HIB Vaccine

It has come to my attention that there are many providers who are mixing schedules between PedvaxHIB (Merck) and ActHIB (Sanofi Pasteur) vaccine. When a provider checks the NO Substitute box on the order form, than that means the provider is agreeing to wait until the vaccine is available. With this understanding ALL providers should have a 2 month supply of vaccine at all times in their refrigerator/freezers in case of any problems, shipping errors, or back ups. We here at the WIP program are working on the HIB transition for some providers to ensure that there is defiantly no mixing of schedules. If there are any problems please call me personally at 777-8982 or 214-6173.

Lastly...

New Toolkits...New Forms...New Enrollments

All providers should have turned in their 2007 provider enrollment forms and Adult Vaccine enrollment forms. We still have 6 providers who have not yet turned in their enrollment forms. We would like to finish up and have the last 6 providers turn in those forms immediately to ensure that you stay in compliance with the WIP. Also, all of the new forms that are coming in the toolkits that have been sent out to you are the NEW Compliance forms. Please shred all other forms and policies prior to these forms. We hope you like the new toolkit and the presentation in

****Instructions for Eligibility Criteria**** -by Andrea Clement-Johnson

Each year, the National Immunization Program (NIP) requires all grantees to estimate the eligibility criteria of the population served with VFC vaccine. WyVIP is required by the NIP to gather this information for all providers and submit to comply with grant guidance. Therefore, we are **requiring all WyVIP providers to track one month's eligibility on the enclosed eligibility form for the month February. This information must be gathered, documented and submitted by the second business day of the month in March.**

Instructions:

For all WyVIP vaccine, screen the patient prior to administration for the following eligibility criteria: Medicaid, Native American/ Alaskan American, Uninsured, Underinsured, Insured, or Kid care. This should be done **via self report**. Place a **slash mark in the associated eligibility criteria and age range column and row of the enclosed form**. At the end on the month **add all the slashes and place the total in the total column**. **Please complete this form in its entirety (don't forget your Pin number) and fax it to our office, attention Andrea, at 307-777-7236, by the end of business on February 27th. Thanks in advance for your assistance!**

Relevant Contacts

Check out our website! www.immunizewyoming.com

Vaccine Program: Wyoming Vaccinates Important People

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Contact for the following:

- Storage and handling procedures
- Vaccine order form request
- Receipt of vaccine orders
- Anticipated vaccine shipment date
- Vaccine currently available
- Expired/compromised vaccine
- Vaccine returns/transfers
- Flu allocations

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Contact for the following:

- WyVIP program comments/complaints
- Staff comments/complaints
- Questions from the public (parents, school nurses, etc.) regarding WyVIP

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Contact for the following:

- To request or verify receipt of the following forms:
 - * WyVIP Enrollment Packets
 - * WyVIP Provider Agreements
 - * WyVIP Policy & Procedure Packets
 - * Doses Administered Reports
 - * Inventory Reports
 - * Temperature Logs
 - * Vaccine Arrival Reports
- WyVIP policies and procedures, including:
 - * Reporting requirements
 - * Eligibility requirements
 - * Non-compliance memos
 - * Incentive Program
 - * Withdrawal from WyVIP Program

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Contact for the following:

- To be transferred to the appropriate WIP staff member
- To request, verify receipt or processing of the following:
 - * Literature/material order requests
 - * School nurse registry enrollment packet
 - * Flu marketing materials
 - * Flu clinic website registration forms
- Website questions

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Contact for the following:

- WY Immunization Act questions
- Program Manager comments/complaints

Vaccine Manufacturers

GlaxoSmithKline

833-475-8222
www.gsk.com
Lawless Barrientos
303-877-0929

Merck

800-637-2579
www.merck.com
Kathy Parrish
303-973-1615

Sanofi Pasteur

800-822-2463
vaccineshoppe.com
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- ACIP Recommended Schedules
- Dosing by Vaccine Brand/Type
- Vaccine Administration Procedure
- Vaccine Contraindications
- Vaccine Adverse Events
- OSHA and JACO Standards
- Nursing Terminology/Abbreviations

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- WylR program comments/complaints
- WylR staff comments/complaints
- WylR technical and training questions

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- Program comments/complaints
- Program staff comments/complaints
- Program questions

Welcome to Lola Wolfe & Melinda Grimm- AV Data Clerks

By Melinda Grimm & Lola Wolfe

My name is Melinda Grimm I am excited to be a part of the Immunization Section. I will be entering patient records into the Registry and CoCASA. I will be pulling reports for Cie and Joanna, before they come to your facility. Also any facility that needs there records put into the computer, I will be doing that as well.

I was born in Boulder Colorado. I have lived in Wyoming since I was three. I have lived in Cheyenne 21 years and don't plan on moving. I have an Associates Degree in Elementary Education. I am currently taking medical billing and coding classes.

I have been remarried 3 1/2 years and have a almost 12 year old daughter from a previous marriage. Some of my hobbies are reading and working in my yard in the summer.

My name is Lola Wolfe and I am very excited to be part of Wyoming Department of Health, Immunization Section.

My responsibility is to serve as an Advantage Visit Data Clerk of the WyVIP advantage visits. I will be entering patient record information into CoCASA (Comprehensive Clinic Assessment Software Application); and Registry input. I will be working with Joanna Briggs, Cie Daniels and Andrea Clement-Johnson.

I was born and raised in Worland, WY, spent a little over seven years in the Navy. Upon discharge, I moved to Riverton, WY, where I attended CWC for a year and a half. I worked for Axiohm for 19 years, was laid off in Dec 2003. I went back to CWC and took various computer classes and received a Certificate in Business Systems. My husband was hired by WDOT here in Cheyenne, so he moved down in Jan 2006 and I moved down the middle of March after the sale of our townhouse. We have been married 20 years and our son lives in Denver. We both love to watch movies and love the outdoors.



Get WylR'd!
by
**John
Anderson**

PHN Conversion

Great news for all! Andy Yocum has completed changing all of the Public Health Nursing (PHN) Offices from their local IWeb to the State's Central Immunization Registry. This change will afford the rest of the users of the WylR instantaneous access to immunizations provided within a PHN Office. Previously for PHN Offices, uploads from their local database to the WylR were scheduled each Friday, which resulted in a slight delay in populating the WylR. A few times, this caused confusion in local offices when a patient would have received vaccinations at a PHN facility and then gone to a local private provider for additional services. That provider would look up that patient on the WylR and

see different immunization records than those present at the local PHN office. Now, when a PHN Office provides an immunization and loads the information into the WylR, the delays will not be present. The "conversion" will also allow PHN offices to access the WylR when providing clinics in the field, thereby allowing them up to date records for their patients. Additionally, if the PHN offices have to access the Mass Immunization module of the WylR in the event of a pandemic situation (or better yet, a test run), the information will be available in a mobile, up to date format. We are excited regarding the prospects of increased quality of care for the citizens of Wyoming, as well as the increased flexibility afforded to the PHN Offices. Once again, many thanks are due to Andy Yocum in spearheading this conversion effort! We are now all on the same (web) page!

Opt Out Change Requests

With the PHN Conversions, all of the offices have lost an option that they previously had – the ability to block an immunization record at the local level from transferring to the state's Immunization Registry. For now, all PHN offices are advised to maintain a paper record of the immunization given for each patient IF they elect not to participate in the WylR (e.g., they "Opt Out"). We have presented a Change Request to the software manufacturer for the IWeb, Scientific Technologies Corporation, specific to the Wyoming environment that will allow offices only providing the immunization the option to see the immunizations given to a patient if they decide to opt-out of the WylR. Once this change request is in place, we will provide support and training to all providers regard-

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ing the process. For now, we appreciate your patience in this process until it comes to fruition.

Data Backup Procedure

Another reason for the delay in the PHN conversion was their concern regarding their access to the Immunization Records of their patients if experiencing an Internet and/or Registry outage. Fortunately, a backup is readily available to all WylR users, not just PHN offices. Under the Navigation Column, if you click on the Reports section>Reports Module, and then look at the Patients subsection, you will see a report entitled "Patient Detail Report." This will provide a regular backup for your facility in the event of an Internet or Registry outage. We recommend scheduling this once a month in order to always have access to your facility's records. Further details regarding the procedure can be located in your recent WIP Toolkit under the WylR section. Feel free to contact us if you have any questions regarding this process.

Adult State Training

Another reminder that will be going out to all PHN offices via email to the county managers is a tool to assist in recording the Adult State Vaccine. Upon receipt of the email attachment, we request that the county managers review and contact the WylR Training staff to schedule a training regarding the process for recording Adult State vaccine properly.

Board of Pharmacy

In January, we will present general information regarding the WylR to the State of Wyoming Board of Pharmacy. At this presentation, we hope to establish increased relations between the Pharmacists throughout the state and the State of Wyoming Department of Health Immunization Program. In particular, we would like the Pharmacists throughout the state to begin sending us their Immunization Records provided at their flu clinics; in return, the State gets the WylR populated by adult patients that normally would not be present within. This would be beneficial in the event of a Pandemic Flu situation, in that we would have most of the demographic information on patients present within the WylR, which would speed up the immunization process in a Mass Immunization Clinic. We will keep all posted regarding the success of this outreach and education efforts.

Historical Records

We have hired on two new staff members in anticipation of receiving more historical immunization records from providers. If your staff has experienced an Advantage Visit in which the records were not present upon the WylR, they know how lengthy the review can be. If we were able to input the records for your office, the review would go much faster. If your office has recently developed an interface and would like to have the "pre-WylR" records input, we can help. If the records are available to providers in the WylR, tools are available that can help increase each facilities immunization rates (i.e., increased visits). Please contact us and let us know how we can help.

Looking at Developing Interfaces

In addition to inputting historical records, we would like to assist all providers with the management of the immunization process. If you have an electronic records system and would like to automate the transferring of records from your system to the state, interface development between your electronic records system and the WylR is a possibility. Additionally, the interface can assist with management of your immunization inventory. Please let us know if you are interested and we will forward the information to our software vendor for follow-up.

Recent Internet Outage

And for those that have not yet utilized the Patient Detail Report to create a backup of your facilities Immunization Records, the recent 01/19/07 Internet outage could remind you of why the backup needs to be done on a regular basis. Why did access to the WylR go down? According to A & I,

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"Internet traffic to/from the State's network was interrupted at approximately 10:45 a.m. Friday [01/21/07], and was restored at 6:00 p.m. We experienced intermittent problems overnight, restoring service and stability completely as of Saturday at 3:15 p.m. This network outage affected network traffic flowing between the State network and the Internet. External email messages were queued during the times that internet access was unavailable; these queues cleared during the weekend after our internet traffic was restored. The network services group is examining the situation that occurred and closely monitoring internet traffic."

We appreciate your patience regarding the restoration process, and remind all WylR users that while outages are very rare, they do occur and present the need to have adequate backup systems in place.

Outstanding Issues – STC Help Desk

In keeping you up to date on the "System Bugs" present within the WylR, we would like to let you know about several outstanding issues that are still in the works with STC.

Lot Number Reconciliation – this error prevents the utilization of the Reconciliation screen for Lot Numbers; once completed, the process will be available in a one-screen format. For now, we recommend each facility reconcile their lot numbers on an individual basis under the Lot Numbers>Search/Add screen.

Flu Dosing - questions have arisen regarding the proper method to record different doses given from a multi-dose vial. Until the changes are in place, the counts for the doses may unfortunately be off regarding individual lots.

School Nurse Absenteeism Reporting Module – Average Enrollment, Labels – when trying to implement the School Nurse Absenteeism Module, system bugs were discovered that prevent the inputting of average enrollment for each school, as well as the Labels for each school reporting. We are delaying the implementation of this module until the system bugs are worked out.

Where's Randy

Although things were a bit slow over the holidays, we are now ramping back up again. Over the next few weeks I will be traveling to Cody, Casper, Sheridan, and Alpine to set up and train various clinics. On that note we would like to welcome the following facilities to the WylR Program:

Big Horn Basin Children's Clinic in Cody

Western Medical Association in Casper

Alpine Family Medical Clinic in Alpine

Also, I thought I would take some time this week to address a question concerning the registry that has been popular as of late.

WylR Help Desk - FAQ

We have been received many inquiries lately concerning how Hib vaccine lots should be entered into WylR. Most of the questions center on which type of



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Hib a particular lot represents. When to enter HIB lots into the registry, the system has four options for Hib. Those options are: Hib - unspecified, Hib - Hboc, Hib - PRP-OMP, and Hib - PRP-T. The answer to this question comes from page B-1 of the Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases, or commonly known as the "Pink Book."

Appendix B as a whole contains a chart with information concerning the vaccines, as detailed below. On the first page is the section dedicated to Hib. According to the chart, the difference between the different vaccine types of Hib is specific to the manufacturer that makes the vaccination. For example, as we can see from the screen shot of the table below, all Hib made by Wyeth is Hib – HbOC. The same pattern is true for the other types of Hib. As such, when entering Hib lot numbers into the registry, it is a good idea to consult this table to ensure that your vaccine type, lot numbers, and manufacturer match up.

Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib)

HibTITER	Wyeth	Inactivated Bacterial	IM	HbOC. Polysaccharide conjugate (diphtheria protein carrier). 2-dose schedule.
PedvaxHIB	Merck	Inactivated Bacterial	IM	PRP-OMP. Polysaccharide conjugate (mening. protein carrier). 2-dose schedule.
ActHIB	sanofi	Inactivated Bacterial	IM	PRP-T. Polysaccharide conjugate (tetanus toxoid carrier). 3-dose schedule.

Correction:

Please be advised that Merck IS NOT using a separate contractor to ship and keep inventory of all Varicella and MMRV vaccine. However it is still a fact that the MMRV orders are taking longer than the Varicella orders. Should you have any questions please contact the WyVIP program (307) 777-7952.

Notes from the Road - February Joanna Briggs, RN

YOU CALL THE SHOTS!

This is an interactive, easy to navigate, self-study course that participants can complete at their own pace. It is intended for introductory training of healthcare professionals who provide immunization and can serve as a reference or refresher for all immunization providers. Modules currently available in the series include: "Understanding the Basics: General Recommendations on Immunization", "Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis", "Polio", "Haemophilus influenza type b (HIB)" and "Influenza".

This series is for nurses, nursing students, medical assistants, pharmacists, and other health professionals who provide immunizations. The purpose of the course is to improve immunization practice in the US by increasing healthcare professionals' knowledge of immunization principles, use of the routinely recommended vaccines, and proper vaccine administration practices. The course is available at:

<http://www.cdc.gov/nip/ed/youcalltheshots.htm> Continuing education credits are available.

The newest module is "Influenza; You Call the Shots"


Objectives

By completion of this module - Influenza - the learner will be able to

1. Describe this disease, including the causative agent.
2. List the groups at highest risk.
3. Identify those for whom routine immunization is recommended.
4. Describe characteristics of the vaccine used to prevent this disease. (Characteristics may include schedule, contraindications and/or adverse reactions.)

Immunization Updates for 2007

By Joanna Briggs, RN Clinical Coordinator


Clinical Corner
by Joanna Briggs, RN

Recently released MMWR “Recommended Immunization Schedules for Person Aged 0 -18 years – United States 2007” has changes and now includes the new vaccines.

- The new rotavirus vaccine is recommended in a 3-dose schedule at ages 2, 4, and 6 months. The first dose should be administered at ages 6 week through 12 weeks with subsequent doses administered at 4 – 10 week intervals. Rotavirus vaccination should not be initiated for infants aged >12 weeks and should not be administered after 32 weeks.

WyVIP providers have had RV available to order since September 2007.

- The influenza vaccine is now recommended for all children ages 6-59 months.

WyVIP providers are authorized, and encouraged, to vaccinate all 6 months through 18 years of age.

- Varicella vaccine recommendations are updated. The first dose should be administered at ages 12 – 15 months, and a newly recommended second dose should be administered at age 4 – 6 years.

WyVIP providers have single antigen (Varicella) as well as MMR+VAR (MMRV) vaccine. MMRV SHOULD NOT be used for the 4 – 6 year dose due to supply issues.

- The new human papillomavirus vaccine (HPV) is recommended in a 3–dose schedule with the second and third doses administered 2 and 6 months after the first dose. Routine vaccination with HPV is recommended for females’ ages 11- 12 years: the vaccination series can be started in females as young as age 9 years; and a catch-up vaccination is recommended for females aged 13-26 years who have not been vaccinated previously or who have not completed the full vaccine series.

WyVIP providers started ordering HPV January 2007. WyVIP present recommendations are for 11 & 12 yr old females with the series completed in 1 year period of time. Catch up vaccination is not authorized by WyVIP at this time.

- The main change to the format of the schedule is the division of the recommendation into two schedules; one schedule for persons aged 0-6 years and another for persons aged 7-18 years. Special populations are represented with purple bars; the 11-12 years assessment is emphasized with the bold, capitalized fonts in the title of that column. Rota, HPV, and Varicella vaccines are incorporated in the catch-up immunization schedule. These changes are in your inserts.

Next month’s Clinical Corner will highlight changes in the General Recommendations on Immunization as outlined in the MMWR. Your copy is in the Toolkit. Please take the time to review this document as it is our standard for immunizations.





Hats Off!

By Lily Valdez

WyVIP congratulates the following providers for earning the **Bronze Recognition Letter** by submitting their **November reports** correctly by the second business day of December. I appreciate your hard work and efforts in helping make this incentive program become a huge success. You are all doing an awesome job!

ABC Pediatrics	Community Health Center of Central Wyoming	Lincoln Co PHN – Kemmerer	Sheridan Family Practice PC
Adams, Michael D., MD, PC	Converse Co PHN		South Lincoln Medical Clinic
Albany Co PHN	Crook Co PHN	Medicine Bow Health Center	South Sheridan Medical Center
Alpha Family Medicine	Ellbogen, David A., MD	Memorial Hospital of Carbon Co	St. John's Medical Center
Alpine Family Medical Clinic	Emerg-A-Care	Memorial Hospital of Converse Co	Star Valley Family Physicians
Arapahoe Health Center	Family Care Clinic, LLC	Memorial Hospital of Sheridan Co	Star Valley Medical Center
Babson & Associates of Primary Care	Family Medical Care	Memorial Hospital of Sweetwater Co	Strong Tree Clinic
Banner Medical Clinic	Family Medical Center	Moorcroft Clinic	Sublette Co PHN
Bennett, Michele L., MD, PC	Fisher, Carol A., MD	Mountain View Medical Center	Sweetwater Co Comm. Nursing Svcs – Rock Spgs
Big Horn Basin Childrens Clinic	Fremont Co Pediatric Clinic	Myers, Harlen, MD	Sweetwater Pediatrics, PC
Big Horn Clinic	Fremont Co PHN – Riverton	Niobrara Co PHN	Teton Co PHN
Big Horn Co PHN – Greybull	Goodell, Thomas P., MD, PC	North Big Horn Hospital Clinic	Thayne Family Medical Clinic
Big Horn Co PHN – Lovell	Goose Creek Pediatrics	Northeast Wyoming Pediatrics	The Family Clinic, LLC
Big Horn Pediatrics	Goshen Co PHN	Oregon Trail Rural Health Clinic	Total Family Health, PC
Bridger Valley Family Practice	Green, Richard D., MD	Park Co PHN – Cody	Uinta Co PHN – Evanston
Brown, Craig, MD	Granum, Michael J., MD	Park Co PHN – Powell	Uinta Co PHN – Lyman
Campbell Co Health Dept	Hot Springs Co PHN	Pediatric and Adolescent Clinic, Inc	Uinta Family Practice
Carbon Co PHN - Rawlins	Hunter Family Medical Clinic, PC	PHS Indian Health Center	Urgent Care Systems
Carbon Co PHN – Saratoga	Independent Family Practice – Afton	Platte Co Memorial Hospital	UW Family Practice
Casper Natrona Co Health Dept	Ivinson Memorial Hospital, Nursery	Platte Valley Medical Clinic	UW Student Health
Cedar Hills Family Clinic	Jackson Pediatrics	Pocat, Tom, MD	Wagon Circle Medical Clinic
Cheyenne Childrens Clinic	Johnson Co PHN	Quinn, Michael J., MD-FAAP	Washakie Co PHN
Cheyenne Family Medicine	Laramie Clinic	Red Rock Family Practice	Western Medical Associates
Cheyenne Health & Wellness Center	Laramie Pediatrics	Richardson Family Health Center	Western Medical Associates, LLC
Cody Clinic	Lincoln Co PHN – Afton	Riverton Memorial Hospital	Women's Health Center
		Sheridan Co Comm. Health	



Silver Rubber Glove Award!

WyVIP congratulates the following providers for earning the **Silver Rubber Glove Award** by submitting their monthly reports correctly and by the second business day for three consecutive months. These providers are now on

Ivinson Memorial Hospital, Nursery
Star Valley Family Physicians

GOLD BAND-AID AWARD!

WOW! Job Well Done, to the following providers who have earned the Gold Band – Aid Award. These providers have achieved this award by submitting their reports correct and by the second business day of the month for 6 consecutive months. Congratulations to:

Casper Natrona Co Health Dept.
Cheyenne Family Medicine



Platinum Vaccine Award!

Hats off to the following providers who have earned the Platinum Vaccine Award. These providers have achieved this award by submitting their reports correct and by the second business day of the month for 9 consecutive months. **Congratulations to:**

ABC Pediatrics	Campbell Co Health Dept	Converse Co PHN	Johnson Co PHN	Platte Valley Medical Clinic
Babson & Associates of Primary Care	Carbon Co PHN – Saratoga	Crook Co PHN	Laramie Pediatrics	Red Rock Family Practice
Big Horn Co PHN – Greybull	Cody Clinic	Family Medical Center	Lincoln co PHN – Afton	Sheridan Co Comm. Health
Big Horn Pediatrics	Community Health Center of Central Wyoming	Fremont Co Pediatric Clinic	Medicine Bow Health Center	Teton Co PHN
		Hot Springs Co PHN	Myers, Harlen, MD	Urgent Care Systems

* Due to supply shortage I will need to replace the lunch bag award and possibly some of the other incentive awards with a different item. I thank you for your patience and understanding. If you have any questions please feel free to call me at 307-777-8503.

* If you were unintentionally left off either list, please contact Lily Valdez to verify your Stick & Grin status. If there is an error, WyVIP will be happy to recognize your healthcare facility in the following month's Jab & Gab. Thank you for your understanding.